

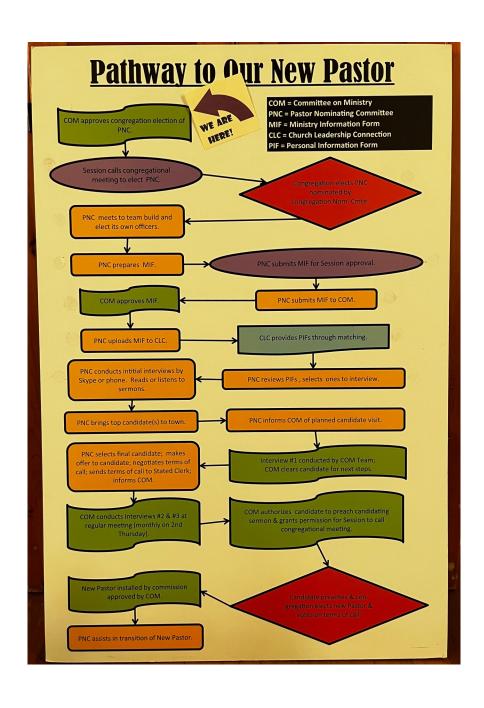
# MIDDLE SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA) THE MIDDLE SPRING MESSENGER



January 2024

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# We're on our way!



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January

# Worship Ministry

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Pastor Ed works from home Saturday and Monday. He is in the office Tuesday through Thursday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.



Secretary hours are Tuesday through Friday from 9 am to 3

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Pastor Ed will be on vacation from January 1 through January 14, 2024.

For pastoral care during that time please contact Jan Ile at 717-423-6226 or email to janile@pa.net.



The Designated Offering for January will go to the David Wilson family. As many of you know, David was recently diagnosed with Stage 4 esophageal cancer. Neither David nor Carolyn have full-time jobs and this medical situation puts a lot of pressure on them to pay their monthly bills plus any medical bills that are not covered by insurance.

### **January Worship Participants**

Sunday	Liturgist	Elder	Acolyte	Usher	Greeter
1/7	Kemper Dyson	Park Bierbower	Larry Singer	Ray Staver	Kathy Palmer
1/14	Larry Singer	Jan Ile	Evan Mosher	Ray Staver	Mavis Karper and Quay Stolte
1/21	Brad Beidel	Kemper Dyson	Cooper Krebs	Ray Staver	Kathy Palmer
1/28	Gilda Blank	D. Chamberlin	Jaxson Mosher	Ray Staver	Jeanette McCans



Ian. 7 - Pam VanderWeele

Jan. 14 - Dawn and Jerry Chamberlin

Ian. 21 - Deanna and Brian Baer

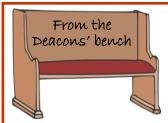
Jan. 28 - Brad and Sue Beidel

We are now in the process of signing up for the weekly flower chart for 2024. If you would like the same date(s) you had this past year, contact Pris Gould at 717-532-3392. The new year is upon us, and we are looking for greeters in 2024!

Please check the sign-up sheet in the narthex, and thank you for serving.



Deacons Page 3



Happy New Year.

As we Deacons begin the new year, we wish to thank the congregation for all you have done to help us in delivering Christmas cheer last month to our shut-ins and the community at large. Once again your response to the Angel Tree gift giving for the children in the homeless shelter was overwhelmingly successful. The Care and Share com-

mittee had a large and varied cookie variety to put in our trays for our shut-ins.

Throughout the year you have helped the Deacons and Elders in many ways. The weekly and seasonal flowers grace our church because of your giving. Your contributions to the many offerings throughout the year help us support missions around the world. Your giving to our student study boxes, our military Christmas boxes, migrant worker support and support of the women's yard sale are just a few of the ways you help our church members and our local community. This is what our church mission is about. The Deacons and Elders cannot do this without your continued help.

Once again thank you for all you have done to help support our church missions in the past. It is our wish you will continue with your generous spirit throughout the new year.

























Deacon of the month for January is







Community Cares Family Shelter. The first Sunday of each month the deacons will be collecting items for the Community Cares Family Shelter. You may leave items in the boxes at the

entrances at any time. Toiletries, cleaning supplies, dry/canned goods, children's snacks, towels, cooking oil, bleach, and paper products are needed by the families.

# Service Ministry

### **Shippensburg Area Community Meal**

The next community meal will be **January 25 at 5:00 pm**. If you would like to volunteer, donate or need more information, contact **Brad Beidel at 717-423-6705** or **717-729-1983**.



Please come out, have dinner with us, and meet the people we support with this ministry!



#### **Robert and Kim Barnie**

2915 Constellation Dr Chambersburg PA 17202 717-496-9797

#### Violet Barr

1001 E. Oregon Road Lititz, PA 17543 vmrabarr@gmail.com (717) 509-5444

#### Mr. and Mrs. Al Keer

730 Fireside Drive Shippensburg, PA 17257

#### Donna Gill

12 Roger Avenue Shippensburg, PA 17257

#### Dorothy M. Nye

67 Walnut Bottom Road Shippensburg, PA 17257

#### Joan Schroeder

855B Village Parkway Chambersburg PA 17201

#### Jean Wenger

Celebration Villa, Room 140 129 Walnut Bottom Road Shippensburg, PA 17257

#### Dick Weaver

505 Glenn St Shippensburg, PA 17257 (717) 532-4005

#### Session Highlights for DECEMBER 2023

The December Session meeting was held on December 12 in person in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 6:00 PM. This was a joint meeting with the Deacons. Pastor Ed led us in devotion and opened the meeting with prayer. The new officers were examined by the Session and all were approved for installation.

The *Clerk's report* indicated that Sunday worship in November continued to be in person but was also offered live at 10:30 AM through Facebook and available on the church's YouTube channel and website. Attendance was as follows:

	Sanctuary	Online
November 5	64	18
November 12	74	21
November 19	74	16
November 26	68	19

The following Consent Agenda Items were Approved:

- 1. The minutes of the Session meeting on November 7, 2023.
- 2. The November Treasurer's Report was approved. Year-to-date Income \$263,037.77; Year-to-date Expenses \$278,095.62; Checkbook Balance \$107,702.12; Available Cash \$57,827.51; E-giving to date \$26,800.97.
- 3. The minutes of the November 14, 2023, Deacon's meeting.
- 4. The minutes from the November 19, 2023 Congregational Meeting.
- 5. Time off for Pastor Ed January 1 through January 14, 2024.
- 6. Gary Russell, Treasurer, Jan Ile, Clerk of Session, and Jerry Chamberlin Financial Secretary. These are one-year appointments by Session
- 7. The Church Calendar
- 8. The Elder of the Week Listing

The Session voted to approve to forming an Ad Hoc committee to nominate for the PNC. Jan Ile and Kemper Dyson will represent the Session and we need one Deacon and 3 people members at Large.

The COM from the Presbytery approved the COA for Pastor Ed for 2024.

We will be subscribing to **RightNow Media** for videos that can be used for Bible Study, Sunday School classes, etc.

Session voted to host a special Presbytery meeting on Wednesday, January 17 at 6:30 PM. Danny Chamberlin and Kemper Dyson will be the Commissioners from Middle Spring.

Kemper Dyson was approved as a Commissioned Elder to attend the General Assembly in Salt Lake City, UT on June 28 – July 4.

The following Ministry Assignments were made: Growth – Kemper Dyson and Susie Rohr; Building and Grounds – Danny Chamberlin and Quay Stolte; Worship – Park Bierbower; Fellowship and Outreach – Park Bierbower; Service Ministry – Jared Krebs; and Personnel – Greg McMullen.

The following organizations received donations from our Local Mission Fund in March and were matched by the Partnership for Better Health:

- Christ Among Neighbors \$500
- Civic Club of Shippensburg \$200

- Shippensburg Produce & Outreach \$200
- Shippensburg EMS \$200
- Boys and Girls Club of Chambersburg and Shippensburg \$200
- Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition \$1225
- West End Fire Company \$200, and
- Reins of Rhythm \$200.

The following donations were made in December from the remaining local mission budget of \$8090.67:

- Fruit Belt Farm Workers Ministry \$1000
- Shippensburg Area S.D. Social Work Department \$1000
- The Harbor Shippensburg -\$1000
- Women-in-need \$1000
- Lend a hand \$590.67
- Franklin County Prison Ministry \$500
- Circle of Love \$400
- Katie's Place \$250
- Drew Hope, \$250
- Salvation Army \$250
- Heifer International \$250
- C.R.O.S.S \$200
- Newburg Hopewell Fire Co. \$200
- CV Hose Co. -\$200.

#### New organizations for 2023:

- Safe Harbour Carlisle -\$250
- Central Pennsylvania Food Bank \$250
- Spiritrust Lutheran \$250
- Coy Public Library \$250
- Peacemaking Offering Franklin Co. Veteran Affairs Outreach Fund \$600.50
- Pentecost Offering United Disability Services Service Dogs (Pups in the Classroom \$233.20.

I would like to thank all who served on the Nominating Committee last year for their hard work and dedication, and welcome those who agreed to serve on next year's Committee.

Don Cover, Nominating Chair





To support our PW fundraising for our local missions, please consider dropping <u>ANY</u> loose change, no matter how small, in the collection jars. There is one located in the Lobby and one in the back of the Sanctuary.

The Presbyterian Women's Bible Study will meet on **January 16, 2024** at **1:00** in the church library. We are using the study book **Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts**. We will be continuing with Lesson #5, "A Person With Leprosy Encounters Jesus."



# **Growth Ministry**



Friends in Fellowship

Friends in Fellowship will meet on **Wednesday**, **January 17** at **11:30** am at **Greenvillage Restaurant**. Bring a friend and join us around the table in fellowship and good food. Contact Jan Ile by **January 14** if you will be attending at 717-423-6226 or email at <u>janile@pa.net</u>.

The Growth Ministry plans to support a fellowship gathering monthly. Please plan to join us after service on **January 14th** for the first one in 2024, which will be sponsored by the Building and Grounds Committee!



# Adult Sunday School



On **January** 7<sup>th</sup> the Adult Sunday School class will continue their study of the book of <u>Revelation - The Lamb Who Is the Lion</u>. We will be looking at Chapter 7. God wants us to have spontaneous delight in heaven as we applaud Him for all He has done to save us. In this interlude between the sixth and seventh seals, we can join with all the multitudes of

heaven in cheering before God's throne.

Does this make sense to you? Come join our discussions and we will figure it all out! Discussion starts at 9:15 every Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall.

# **ZOOM Bible Study**



The Tuesday ZOOM Bible study will resume the Eyewitness Bible Series in Acts on January 16. We are on Series No. 8 and the scripture reading is Acts chapter 9.

If anyone is interested in joining us, please let Jan Mooney know so you can be sent a LINK to join on ZOOM. We have very interesting and inspiring discussions and welcome others to be a part of these conversations.

#### Middle Spring Presbyterian USA - Shippensburg PA Balance Sheet as of November 30, 2023

Tuesday, Decei	mber 5 2023		,		D <sub>e</sub>	ige 1 of 2
Account #	Account Name		YTD Balance	Previous Year Balance	Amount Diff YTD	% Diff YTD
Assets						
1.50.000	General Fund Checking Acct		107,702.12	131,581.70	(23,879.58)	13
1.70.000	Capital Fund Checking Acct		3,640.36	13,658.86	(10,018.50)	7:
1.80.000	Youth Fund Checking Acct		7,071.30	11,801.33	(4,730.03)	4
1.90.001	Church Endowment Investment Acct.		903,243.73	867,129.14	36,114.59	
1.90.002	Church Un-Restricted Investment Acct		490,469.63	392,161.50	98,308.13	2
1.90.003	Church Youth Endowment Acct		11,479.62	10,552.20	927.42	
1.90.004	Church Building Investment Fund		51,434.21	47,188.69	4,245.52	
1.90.010	Electronic Giving Clearing Acct	_	0.00	0.00	0.00	
		Total Assets	\$1,575,040.97	\$1,474,073.42	\$100,967.55	
Liabilities						
2.01.000	Exployee Withholdings					
2.01.001	FIT Withholdings		0.00	0.00	0.00	
2.01.002	FICA Withholdings		0.00	0.00	0.00	
2.01.003	Medicare Withholdings		0.00	0.00	0.00	
2.01.004	State Tax Withholdings		0.00	0.00	0.00	
2.01.005	Local Tax Withholdings		166.53	171.70	(5.17)	
2.01.006	LST Tax Withholdings		0.00	0.00	0.00	
2.01.010	FSA Health Care		1,685.44	1,127.70	557.74	4
2.01.015	403(b) Withholdings		0.00	0.00	0.00	
		Total Exployee Withholdings	\$1,851.97	1,299.40	552.57	4
2.02.000	Reserved/Specified Givings **					
2.03.001	Library Use		55.55	55.55	0.00	
2.03.002	Youth Scholarships (Camp)		5.00	5.00	0.00	
2.03.005	Peacemaking Offering-Local Portion		600.50	204.50	396.00	19
2.03.006	Pentecost Offering-Local Portion		233.20	196.00	37.20	1
2.03.009	Bell Maintenance Resv		2,250.00	1,650.00	600.00	3
2.03.010	Bell Choir Use **		2,084.68	1,684.68	400.00	2
2.03.011	Chancel Choir Use **		438.61	438.61	0.00	
2.03.012	Church Music Program **		349.38	349.38		
2.03.015	Pastor's Emergency Fund **		389.80	1,057.42	(667.62)	$\epsilon$
2.03.016	Pastor's Continuing Education **		2,016.04	1,016.04	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	9
2.03.020	Ground Care Equipment		5,397.77	4,397.77	1,000.00	2
2.03.021	Parking Lot Seal/Re-line		3,302.00	1,802.00	1,500.00	8
2.03.022	Office Equipment		4,273.18	3,773.18	·	1
2.03.023	Seal Brick-Church/Manse		2,810.00	2,510.00	300.00	1



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Tuesday, Dece	mber 5, 2023			Pa	ige 2 of 2
Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance	Previous Year Balance	Amount Diff YTD	% Diff YTD
2.03.024	Family Fund **	1,540.78	2,040.78	(500.00)	25
2.03.027	Memorial Fund	6,432.82	7,450.82	(1,018.00)	14
2.03.029	Mission-Specified **	0.00	2,736.00	(2,736.00)	100
2.03.031	Puppet Fund	944.03	1,019.03	(75.00)	7
2.03.032	June Weber International Scholarship **	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	0
2.03.035	Rental Maintainence	6,000.00	5,685.75	314.25	6
2.03.036	Educational Scholarship (8/23)	482.00	N/A	482.00	-
2.03.050	Repurposed Resv Acct	5,417.30	5,062.98	354.32	7
	Total Reserved/Specified Givings **	\$48,022.64	46,135.49	1,887.15	4
2.10.001	Accounts Payable Vendors	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
	Total Liabilities	\$49,874.61	\$47,434.89	\$2,439.72	5
Fund Balances					
3.10.000	General Fund Balance	57,827.51	84,146.81	(26,319.30)	31
3.70.000	Capital Fund Balance	3,640.36	13,658.86	(10,018.50)	73
3.80.000	Youth Fund Balance	7,071.30	11,801.33	(4,730.03)	40
3.90.001	Church Endowment Fund Balance	903,243.73	867,129.14	36,114.59	4
3.90.002	Church Un-restricted Investment Acct Balance	490,469.63	392,161.50	98,308.13	25
3.90.003	Church Youth Fund Endowment Acet Balance	11,479.62	10,552.20	927.42	9
3.90.004	Church Building Investment Fund Balance	51,434.21	47,188.69	4,245.52	9
	Total Fund Balances	\$1,525,166.36	\$1,426,638.53	\$98,527.83	7
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$1,575,040.97	\$1,474,073.42	<u>\$100,967.55</u>	<u>7</u>

If the accounts in the subtotals have changed or if ledger (marked with "\*") and subsidiary account attributes have changed, Previous YTD totals may not represent a valid comparison.



#### Middle Spring Presbyterian USA - Shippensburg PA Consolidated Fund Activity Report as of 11/30/2023

Tuesday, Dec	ember 5, 2023			Page 1 of 1		
Account #	Account Name	Beg Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers/JE's	End Balance
3.10.000	General Fund Balance	72.885.36	263,037.77	278,095.62	0.00	57,827.51
3.70.000	Capital Fund Balance	24,849.94	11,300.18	32,509.76	0.00	3,640.36
3.80.000	Youth Fund Balance	10,947.93	18,034.37	21,911.00	0.00	7,071.30
3.90.001	Church Endowment Fund Balance	839,335.03	107,288.98	43,380.28	0.00	903,243.73
3.90.002	Church Un-restricted Investment Acct Balance	383,100.74	144,444.48	37,075.59	0.00	490,469.63
3.90.003	Church Youth Fund Endowment Acct Balance	10,147.81	1,331.81	0.00	0.00	11,479.62
3.90.004	Church Building Investment Fund Balance	45,392.95	6,041.26	0.00	0.00	51,434.21
Total		<u>\$1,386,659.76</u>	<u>\$551,478.85</u>	<u>\$412,972.25</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,525,166.36</u>

# Ways to Help Out

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### Ink Cartridge Return Program

Please remember to donate to our **Staples Ink Cartridge Return Program**. We aim to collect 20 used cartridges to receive our maximum \$40 per month in savings for office supplies and equipment. We have saved thousands of dollars through this program over the years! Thank you for your continued support!

### **Cell Phone Collection**

The Service Ministry at Middle Spring Church is collecting used or broken cell phones for the military. The Military Mama Network collects them and turns them into Calling Cards for deployed military members and their families. If you have a phone to contribute please contact Brad Beidel for pickup. There is also a box located in the Church lobby for collection.

### Save Your Drink Caps!



Jim Corwin (717) 532-8747

Please assist with **Caps for Krislund** by saving all water, soda, wine bottle caps or lids (ketchup, mustard, etc.). These caps must not have any metal or cardboard inside them. Place them in the marked bucket in the narthex. They will be sent to Krislund for processing into picnic tables for the camp.

In addition, Session continues to support the **Ronald McDonald House** by collecting the pull tabs from soda cans. These are also being collected in a marked container in the narthex.

### The Cemetery Association needs assistance!



**NEEDED:** Someone to remove approximately 8 trees (10" diameters) along border of cemetery; you keep wood, leave trunks (approximately 3'), and burn branches on site.

**NEEDED:** Someone with metal detector to find re-bar boundary/corner markers of new, one-acre cemetery lot.

**NEEDED:** Someone to replace Jim Corwin, who will be leaving the committee; remaining members include Danny Chamberlin, Paul Gill, Greg McMullin and Fred Nordai.

**CONTACT:** Fred Nordai, 717-504-8378 or



There is a nursery sign-up sheet for 2024 available! If you are interested in helping in the nursery, please check your calendars and stop by the nursery to sign up.

Brenda is there early if you would like to come in before church.

# **Egg Cartons**

Please continue to drop off your empty egg cartons to be taken to Shippensburg Produce Outreach (SPO) on South Penn Street. Thank you! Dear Middle Spring Presbyterian,

Thank you so much for sending me the Finals week "care parkage". It certainly has been a long, but remarding semester, and this package will make this final stretch better. It is always a great comfort to know Middle Spring is thinking of me.

With gratitude, Cole Pearson

Near Middle Spring Presbyterian Church,

I want to express my heartfelt thanks for the thoughtful box of snucles you provided, As I approach the end of this semester and prepare for graduation in December, your gesture has been a source of great encouragement and support. The snocks have not only fretel my late-night study Sessions but have also served as a reminder of the caring community I am a part of. Your gonerosity has made a significant impact on my academic journey, and I am truly godeful for your kindnas Sincerely, Seth Pearson Kindness.

To Members and Friends of the Middle Spring Presbyterian Church:

Kim and I issue a great big thank you for all your cards, calls, a fruit basket; and most of all the prayers extended to us over the past year. Kim had a rough year; but is making small improvements. Please continue with your prayers as we are both firm believers in the power of prayer.

Wishing each and everyone a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

MSPC 3 College Box Crew,

Thank you so much for your Kind 3 thoughtul Message! I'm So very thankful for all your love 3 Support! My 1st semester is almost over 3 your thoughts 3 Prayers are very apprechiated!

Mary thanks! Kenper

PS: can't wait to dig in to Jan's snack Mix :

# SpiriTrust Lutheran®

November 22,2023

Dear Friends,

We were delighted to hear from you! Thank you for your charitable gift here at the end of the year In support of the residents and dients we serve each day. On their behalf, we send our deepest gratitude.

As we enter into Adventgeason,

we send our warmest greetings for much joy as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. May each of you feel His love and care for you in a special way this Christmas.

> Gratefully, Dehorah

Bob and Kim Barnie

# Birthdays and Anniversaries

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Todd Melisauskas Jr.	1/1
Dick Weaver	1/2
Kirk Gamble	1/2
Shawna McMullen	1/4
Kathy Chamberlin	1/5
Gavin Schoenfelder	1/6
Cole Pearson	1/7
Brad Beidel	1/9
Sarah Mellott	1/11
Gayle Alleman	1/14
Gretchen Leitner	1/19
Warren Jones	1/31





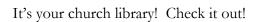
Tom and Alana Moriarty 1/5
Dave and Susan Rohr 1/17



### Start the Year Right with Daily Devotions

Are you looking for inspiration for your daily devotions? The church library has a number of helpful books. The library committee has placed a variety of devotional books on the movable cart in the hallway just outside the library, and you can check out any of these books by simply signing them out in the notebook by the door.

When you're ready to return a library book, put it in the yellow BOOK RETURN basket. The library committee will do the rest.



(If you have questions, contact Pat Mahan, Church Library Committee.)







### **Lend A Hand Update**

Lend A Hand was established as a volunteer disaster recovery organization in 1989, operating out of the CCU building until 2005. Between its beginning and 2005, Lend A Hand was loosely organized and would take one or two trips a year to various disaster areas.

In 2005, Hurricane Katrina hit the south and changed the dynamics of the organization. That year it was "adopted" and became a mission of the Carlisle Presbytery. It has been a part of the Presbytery ever since and has been active, sending volunteers to Mississippi, Iowa, North Carolina, New Jersey, West Virginia, Florida and South Carolina as well as working locally



when remnants of Irene and Lee hit the area in 2011. From 2005 to the present, LAH has taken more than 100 trips to help those in need.

Lend A Hand will continue to make trips to North Carolina in 2024 but the spring schedule has not been finalized. Check future newsletters for updates!

### You Are Invited: Presbytery-wide Study on the Bible and Race

Join us by Zoom to discuss various topics around the intersection of the Christian faith and issues of race. We will gather 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Tuesday evenings from January 16 until March 19.

Come for one, a few, or all – you are welcome! Click here to learn more and contact Kristal Smith to register and receive the Zoom link.



Phone numbers and email addresses are available in the church directory

#### Session

Jan Ile Clerk

Rev. Edward Blank

Moderator

Park Bierbower Fellowship & Outreach, Service Ministry

**Danny Chamberlin** Co-Chair, Bldg. & Grounds

Don Cover Chair, Nominating

Kemper Dyson Co-Chair,

Growth Ministry

Jared Krebs Chair, Service Ministry

Greg McMullen Chair,

Personnel; Chair, Finance

Susie Rohr Co-Chair, Growth Ministry

Quay Stolte Co-Chair, Bldg. & Grounds

#### **Deacons**

**Deanna Baer**, *Moderator*, Pastoral Care & Home Communion

**Sue Beidel,** *Co-Moderator,* Pastoral Care & Home Communion, Communion Supplies

**Stevie Nordai,** Secretary, Representative to Nominating Committee

**Janet Sailhamer,** Care and Share, Christmas Fruit Baskets

Joe Brett, Transportation, Medical Equipment

Jeanette Chamberlin, Christmas Fruit

Baskets, Care and Share

**Pris Gould**, Chancel/Funeral/Holiday/ Seasonal Flowers

Jerry Judy, Pulpit Scarves and Banners

**Judy Heberlig,** Medical Equipment, Chancel/ Funeral/Holiday/ Seasonal Flowers

Larry Ocker, Community Outreach

**Dorina Saul**, Community Outreach, Milestone Recognition

### **Prayer Chain**

"If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

John 14:14

Kathy Bierbower Regina Chamberlin

Jill Corwin

**Howard Davis** 

Jan Ile

Arlene Keer

Pat Mahan

Eileen Moore

Stevie Nordai

**Ethel Palmer** 

**Dorothy Reese** 

**Dorina Saul** 

All members of the Middle Spring Presbyterian community are invited to be part of our prayer chain.

#### Mission and Vision

### Middle Spring Presbyterian Church called together by God to worship, grow, and serve

To worship, we gather

to praise and glorify God

to be transformed by the Spirit

to forgive and to be forgiven

to witness to our faith in our triune God

to pray for guidance in our lives

as we meet life's challenges

and care for God's world and God's children

In worship, we experience God's presence inviting us to grow. [Colossians 1:10]

To grow, we seek

to read the Bible for understanding and reflection

to learn about our Christian faith and Reformed tradition

to be open to new ways the truth is revealed in the world today

to share our faith journey with one another

to become more committed to Christ's mission

In growing, we hear God's invitation to respond and serve. [John 17:18]

To serve, we reach out

to proclaim the good news of the saving grace of God

to share our blessings

to offer hope and comfort

to experience fellowship with others

to improve the lives of those in need around the world,

heeding Christ's call to "Tend my sheep." [John 21:16]

2024

# **JANUARY**

### **Middle Spring Presbyterian Church**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	'
31	1-6 pm Open House at the Manse Pastor Ed on vacation	O2 Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm Pastor Ed on vacation	O3 Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Pastor Ed on vacation	04 Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm Pastor Ed on vacation	05 Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm Pastor Ed on vacation	Pastor Ed on vacation  EPIPHANY	06
9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in person and online Holy Communion Home Communion Offered Pastor Ed on vacation	08 Pastor Ed on vacation	Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 6:00 pm Deacon Meeting Pastor Ed on vacation	Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Handbell Choir Pastor Ed on vacation	Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm Pastor Ed on vacation	Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm Pastor Ed on vacation	Pastor Ed on vacation	13
9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in person and online Fellowship after worship Pastor Ed on vacation	Matin Marin King Ji DAY-	Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 10:00 am ZOOM Bible Study 1:00 pm PW Bible Study 6:00 pm Session Meeting	Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 11:30 am Friends in Fellowship lunch at Greenvillage Restaurant 6:30 pm Presbytery Meeting	18 Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm	19 Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm		20
21 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in person and online	22	Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 10:00 am ZOOM Bible Study	Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Handbell Choir	Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 5-6 pm Community Meal (grab and go or dine-in)	26 Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm		27
28 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in person and online	29	30 Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 10:00 am ZOOM Bible Study	Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Handbell Choir	Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm	Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm		03